



forests and inspiring views. merous unmarked trails for exploration and appreciation of tranquil tains two established hiking trails of moderate difficulty, plus nu-

In addition to the natural splendor of the cave itself, the park con-

In-Rock Restaurant and Lodge, Cave-In-Rock, IL 62919.

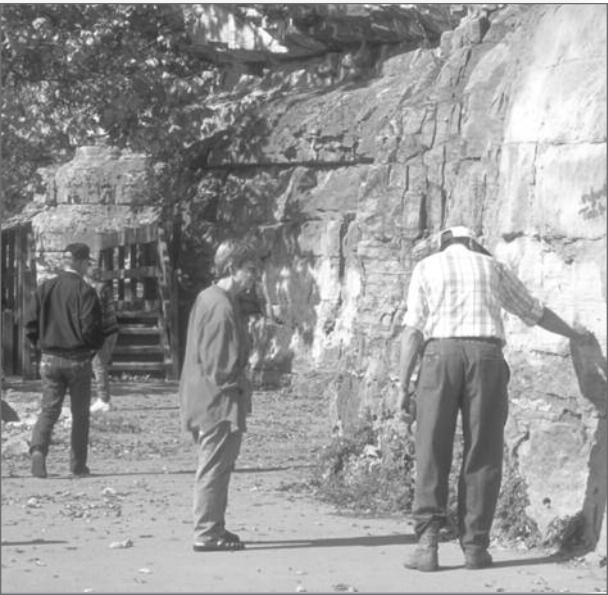
desserts. For more information, call (618) 289-4545 or write Cave- catfish, marinated chicken, shrimp, steaks and homemade dinners feature roast beef with all the trimmings, southern fried ing and has plenty of homemade specialties on the menu. Sunday The restaurant is gaining a reputation for fine southern-style cook-

quest from the park attendants.

picnic shelters for group gatherings and firewood is available on re- grills, water hydrants and drinking fountains. There are four large shaded picnic areas situated throughout the park provide tables; There are three developed playground areas for children; and For the day visitor, ample parking is provided by five separate lots.

dream little that will be beyond what actually happened."

ural beauty of the historic spot remains, clothed in mystery. In the hollow silence of the cave that echoes the peaceful cooling of doves, a visitor can let a vivid imagination run riot. But he can In the words of Illinois historian John W. Allen, "Today only the nat-



Exotic Species

Plants and animals not native to Illinois are exotic species. Most of them are harmless to our state; however, some can be very invasive to native plant communities and can overwhelm or wipe out native species. Prevention and control of exotic, invasive species requires tremendous cooperation between managers and all users of parks, natural areas, and privately owned land. To learn more about exotic and invasive species and how you can help prevent their spread, visit the IDNR Exotic Species Website at: <http://www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/education/ExoticSpecies/exoticsspintro.htm>.

Recreational Trails Program

This trail brochure was made possible due to funding provided by the Federal Highway Administration through the Recreational Trails Program (RTP).Monies are funded through the Federal Motor Fuel Tax and administered through the National Recreational Trails Fund Act. Trail projects are supported by the federal government, which provides up to 80% reimbursement of cost. State funds provide the balance of the funding for the projects. The trails program encourages trails management practices to serve a wide variety of trail users. The program is administered in Illinois by the Department of Natural Resources in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

views of the famous waterway – became Cave-In-Rock State Park. hills and the rugged bluffs along the river – commanding expansive since has increased to 204 acres. The well-wooded, 60-foot-high In 1929, the State of Illinois acquired 64.5 acres for a park that the period.

was an important landmark, prominently displayed on maps from Throughout the 19th century, this remarkable geological feature as temporary shelter for other pioneers on their way west. stroyed or driven out the "river rats" and the cave began to serve steady growth in the local population and commerce had de- 1830s the quickening westward expansion of civilization and the secrecy and seclusion afforded by Cave-In-Rock, by the mid- Although other desperadoes continued to take advantage of the dits used the cave to lure unsuspecting travelers to an untimely end.



- While groups of 25 or more are welcome and encouraged to use the park's facilities, they are required to register in advance with the site office to avoid crowding or scheduling conflicts.
- At least one responsible adult must accompany each group of 15 minors.
- Pets must be kept on leashes at all times.
- Actions by nature can result in closed roads and other facilities. We hope you enjoy your stay. Remember, take only memories, leave only footprints.
- For more information on state parks, write to the Department of Natural Resources, Clearinghouse, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271 visit our website at www.dnr.state.il.us.
- For more information on tourism in Illinois, call the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Bureau of Tourism at 1-800-2CONNECT.
- Hearing-impaired individuals may call the Department of Natural Resources' TTY number, (217) 782-9175, or use the Ameritech Relay Number, 1-800-526-0844.

Equal opportunity to participate in programs of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and those funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies is available to all individuals regardless of race, sex, national origin, disability, age, religion or other nonmerit factors. If you believe you have been discriminated against, contact the funding source's civil rights office and/or the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, IDNR, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271; (217) 785-0067; TTY (217) 782-9175.

curate portrayal of how, in the 18th and 19th centuries, ruthless ban- in the movie "How The West Was Won." The scene was a near-ac- It's interesting to note that the cave served as a backdrop for a scene and headquarters until they too were killed. reign of thievery and murder in Illinois, using the cave as hideout killers fleeing execution in Kentucky. They continued their personal cave sheltered the even more notorious Harpe Brothers, a pair of By the early 1800s, following the demise of the Mason Gang, the or worse. Few victims lived to tell their story.

the yawning hollow, where the hapless pilgrims would be robbed, these henchmen would disable their boats or force them toward travelers with offers of help and guidance. As they neared the cave, dispatch his cohorts upriver to befriend unwary and bewildered From this apparently innocent and inviting position, Mason would he called the Cave-In-Rock.

tionary Army, in 1797 he converted the cavern into a tavern which Samuel Mason. Once an officer in George Washington's Revolu- One of the most ambitious of these ruthless malefactors was preyed on the people traveling along the Ohio River.

serve as the ideal lair for outlaws, bandits and river pirates who Following the Revolutionary War, this immense recess came to elers in diaries and journals.

It was a conspicuous curiosity frequently mentioned by later trav- M. de Lery of France, who in 1729 called it *caverne dans Le Roc*. ful and provocative. The first European explorer to encounter it was The actual history of this imposing natural phenomenon is color-

views of riverboats, barges and other river scenes. thousands of years ago. Trails winding along the riverbank offer foot-wide cave that was carved out of the limestone rock by water scenic Ohio River, the heavily wooded park is named for the 55- cination for yourself. Sitting atop the high bluffs overlooking the At Cave-In-Rock in southern Illinois, you can experience this fas- The deep, dark recesses immediately conjure up images of ad- venture, mystery, terror, robbers and pirates.

Few natural formations are as awe-inspiring or intriguing as a cave.

Cave-In-Rock

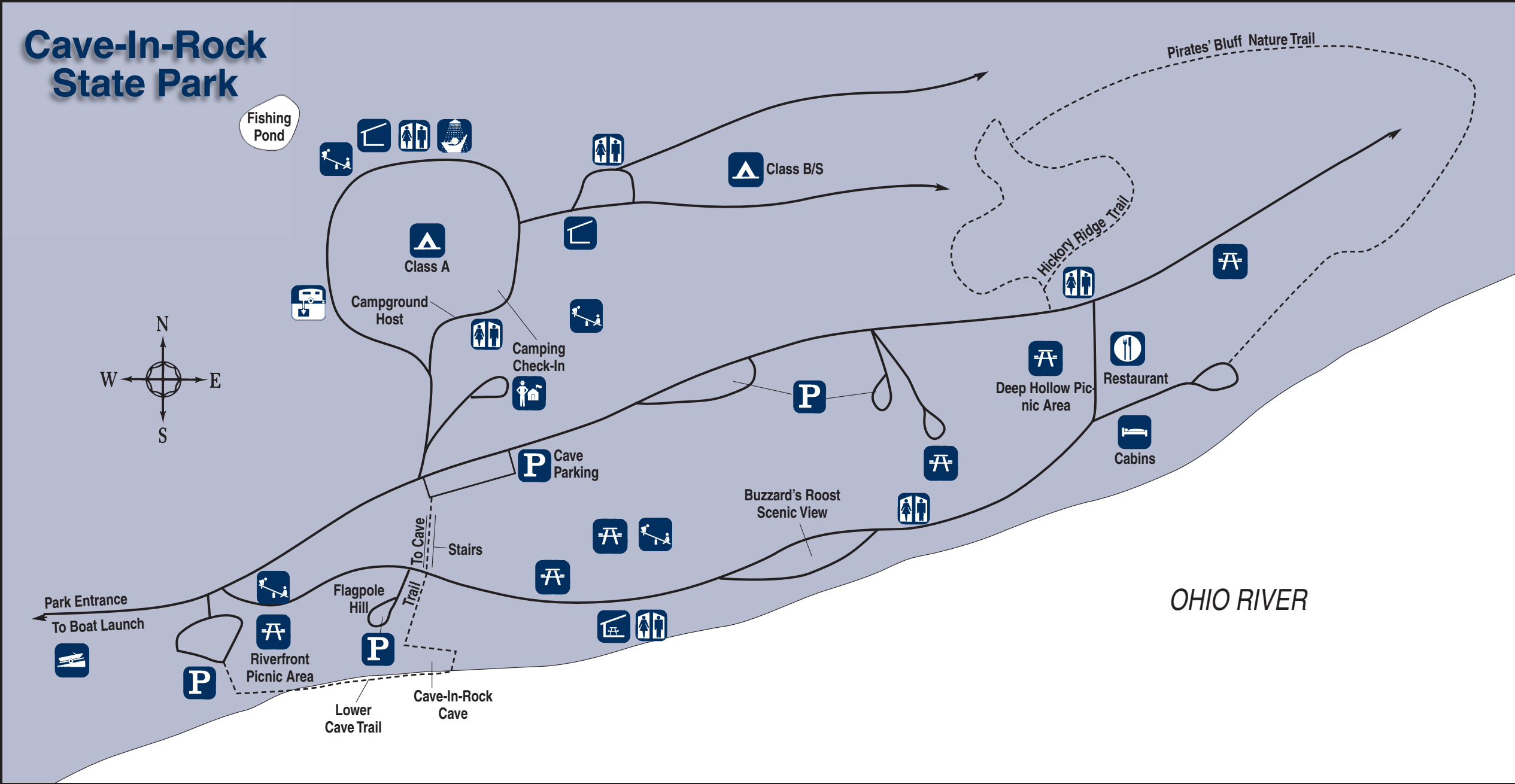
State of Illinois
Pat Quinn, Governor

Department of Natural Resources

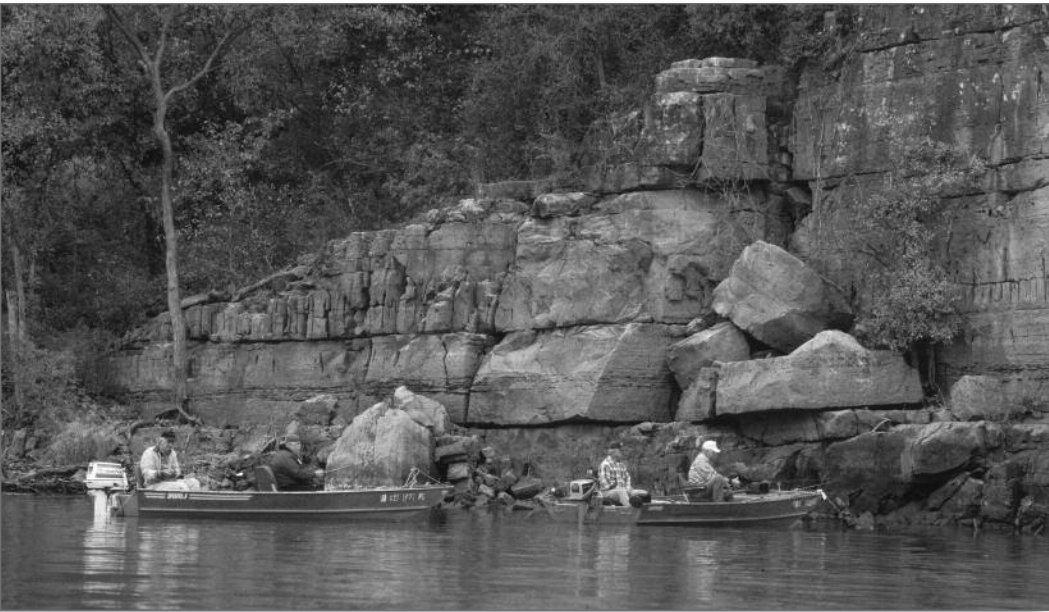
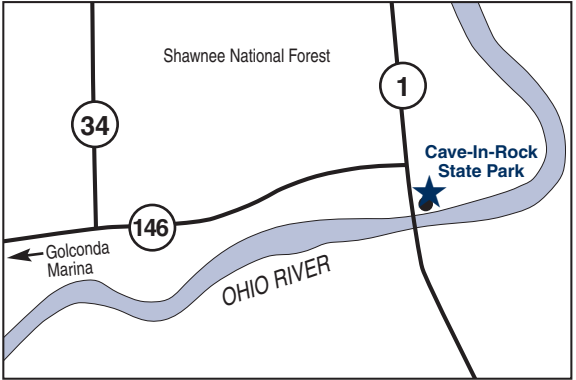
Cave-In-Rock

STATE PARK

Cave-In-Rock State Park



Legend	
Park Office	Restaurant & Concession
Trail	Restrooms
Parking	Shelter
Picnic Area	Boat Launch
Picnic Shelter	Playground
Cabins/Lodging	Showers
Campground	Sanitary Dumping Station



Fishing and Boating ■■■■

A trout pond is available during season, and the Ohio River provides excellent fishing, boating and water sport opportunities. The river can be accessed directly from two launching ramps with adjacent parking on the western edge of the park. The site superintendent and park rangers can provide details on fishing licenses and the rules and regulations for fishing and boating on the river. For more information, contact Cave-In-Rock State Park, Cave-In-Rock, IL 62919, (618) 289-4325.

Camping ■■■■

On the scenic north side of the park there are camping accommodations with 34 Class A sites. They are equipped with electricity and can accommodate units up to 60-feet long. Twenty-five Class B tent sites are also available, and showers, restrooms and dumping sta-

tions are present in both camping areas. Contact the site superintendent or campground attendant for camping permits and information. Handicapped sites also are available. Firewood and grills are furnished at each campsite.

Lodging ■■■■

Cave-In-Rock Restaurant and Lodging features four duplex guest houses with eight suites, each accommodating up to four people comfortably. The suites contain deluxe baths, a dining area and wetbar, a large bedroom/living room, and a private patio deck overlooking the Ohio River. One suite is handicapped accessible.

Marina ■■■■

For a different view of Cave-In-Rock, consider a boat ride down the Ohio River. Be sure to visit the Golconda Marina located on the river near Golconda at Lusk Creek. A full-service marina, Golconda

offers overnight moorage with 100 slips available, both covered and open. Slips have electric and water hookups. There is a marina service and repair, boat lifts, fuel, sanitary pump outs and dry storage. Multiple free launch ramps are available, along with parking for trailers and cars, a snack shop, gift shop, and bait and tackle shop.

